PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

CUZZATO et al Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

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For: A PROCESS TO OBTAIN CFC 113a FROM CFC 113

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

February 12, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3 and 4 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 CFR 1.121.

3. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the fed CFC 113 amount, expressed as weight ratio between CFC 113/(catalyst x hour), is in the range 0.5-1.5.

4. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the reaction temperature is in the range 50°C - 280°C, preferably 100°C - 200°C, still more preferably 100°C - 160°C.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3 and 4 are amended to correct the multiple dependencies thereof and to place this application into better condition for examination. No new matter has been added.

In the event that there are any fees due with respect to the filing of this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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- 3. (Amended) A process according to [claims 1-2] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the fed CFC 113 amount, expressed as weight ratio between CFC 113/(catalyst x hour), is in the range 0.5-1.5.
- 4. (Amended) A process according to [claims 1-3] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the reaction temperature is in the range 50°C 280°C, preferably 100°C 200°C, still more preferably 100°C 160°C.